(a) the expenditure on maintenance of internal security and peace during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the percentage of this sum to the general budget;

(c) the policies being formulated with a view to decrease this expenditure gradually; and

(d) whether the assistance of the opposition and the States is being obtained for determination of this policy; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and) (b) One of the main functions of the Ministry of Home Affairs is to ensure maintence of internal security and peace in the country, in association with State Governments. For this purpose, States are also given financial assistance through certain schemes administered by the Ministry. Funds provided to the Ministry for the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 and the percentage of MHA's Grants to the Expenditure Budget of the Central Government are as under:-

(Rs. in crore) (BE)

Year	Grants of MHA	Percentage of MHA's Grants to the Expenditure Budget of the Central Govt.
2004-05	17,348	3.6%
2005-06	20,985	4%
2006-07	22,843	4%

(c) and (d) Policies for maintenance of internal security and peace address political, security and socio-economic development aspects of the problems and are regularly discussed in the Parliament and with the States. Consultations are inherent in the decision making process of the Government.

Trade relations with China, France, Japan and Portugal

*330. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of bilateral relations of Indo-China, Indo-French, Indo-Japan and Indo-Portugal in the field of trade and industries;

(b) the details of investments made in the country under India's economic reforms policy by US, Japan, France, etc., during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the necessary steps/initiatives taken by Government to attract US, Japan and other counries for making investments in the country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Institutional framework in the form of Joint Committee has been created for reviewing and suggesting measures for increasing bilateral trade with France and Portugal. The last meetings of the Indo-French Joint Committee and Indo-Portugal Joint Commission were held in May, 2006 and December, 2006 respectively.

A Joint Task Force (JTF) is studying in detail the feasibility of India-China Regional Trading Arrangement. So far two meetings of JTF have been held.

India and Japan have launched Inter-Governmental negotiations to develop an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) or Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) within a reasonable period of time. There is also Japan India Policy Dialogue to further economic cooperation in areas such as Delhi Mumbai Freight and Industrial Corridor.

(b) Investment made by other countries in India under India's Economic Reforms Policy is maintained by Reserve Bank of India region-wise and is as given below:

Sl. No.	Regional Offices of RBI	Amount of FDI inflows in million rupees (from 1.1.04 to 31.12.06)				
		China	France	Japan	Portugal	USA
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Ahmedabad	—	1229.36	1442.81	—	6567.43
2.	Bangalore	0.09	243.53	2583.09	—	8370.95
3.	Bopal	—	—	—	—	498.20
4.	Bhubaneshwar	—	—	—	—	1.49

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5.	Chandigarh	2.30	—	7.40	—	218.80
6.	Chennai	—	235,14	191,02	—	9182.18
7.	Hyderabad	12.23	662.14	26.20	—	6688.64
8.	Jaipur	—	—	—	—	170.78
9.	Kochi	—	140.63	19.16	—	145.33
10.	Kolkata	—	47.50	0.20	—	3199.05
11.	Mumbai	20.73	982.53	1845.17	14.46	20970.20
12.	New Delhi	99.42	3950.21	7167.92	—	11420.36
13.	Panaji	—	31.57	10.28	—	117.05
14	State not indicated	0.09	2931.54	4722.95	—	16952.12
	TOTAL	134.86	10454.15	18016.20	14.46	84502.58

(c) The Government of India organizes Investment Promotion events in these countries and also attends to inward delegations of investors coming from these countries. An investment portal is also maintained. The current FDI policy allows investment through automatic route in all areas other than a small list of negative areas.

Legalising the betting

*331. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to make betting legal in the country, in view of the huge sums of money involved in it;

(b) if so, the views of Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, how the betting in the country is going to be tackled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) As per Entry 34 of the State List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, betting and gambling are State subjects and therefore the State Governments are required to take policy